

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been amended herein to correct claim dependencies and place the claims in proper condition for U.S. examination. The subject matter deleted from claims 3, 5 and 9 has been presented in new claims 12-14. In addition, new claim 15 has been added, which is directed to a product made in accordance with the method of claims 1 and 2. No new matter has been added by these amendments. As such, entry thereof and consideration of the claims on the merits are respectfully requested.

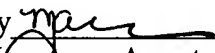
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle, Reg. No. 32,868 at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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